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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Processing and Reproduction of Photography
from NRP Missions

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Director, NRO, dated
23 July 1962, same subject

1. I am herewith returning the Memorandum of Understanding, attached to the referenced document, in which I concur with two clarifying comments.

2. I also concur in the disestablishment of the COMOR-JCS Technical Committee and have requested the Chairman, COMOR, to initiate action to carry this out. Henceforth, it will therefore be the responsibility of the NRO to assess and maintain the photographic quality of the material used for photographic exploitation. I believe it important, however, that the NRO should establish a mechanism whereby it may systematically consult with consumers on technical problems arising in exploitation.

3. I have some reservations with respect to your suggestion that [] be made responsible for carrying out all of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding since I believe that a large part of this activity will involve administrative functions. I believe [] technical capabilities would be better used by providing technical assistance in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding and helping in any technical activities connected with the maintaining of the photographic quality (paragraph 2, above) as well as in providing the necessary interface between the photographic exploitation community and the camera development work.

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NRO review(s)
completed.

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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